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SUBJ: LEBANESE VIEWS RE KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: GOL, IN KEEPING WITH ITS TRADITIONAL UN IMAGE, WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN MODERATE, LOW-PROFILE POSTURE ON KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA. WHILE REFUSING TO ALTER ITS POLICE OF ABSENCE IN UN VOTES CONNECTED WITH KOREAN QUESTION, IT IS STILL OPEN TO PERSUASION ON KAMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE. RE ME ITEMS, GOL WILL TRY AVOID LETTING FA DEBATES PLACE FURTHER OBSTACLES IN PATH OF CURRENT SETTLEMENT EFFORT, BUT ITS INFLUENCE IN THIS REGARD WILL PROBABLY BE SMALL. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT USUN CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GOL ON ME, KHMER AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES AS UNGA PROCEEDS. END SUMMARY.

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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED KEY ISSUES AT 29TH GA WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR OF

INTERNATIONAL ORG AFFAIRS HADDAS ON SEP 12 AND 16. FOLLOWING IS
RESUME OF GOL VIEWS ON ITEMS CONTAINED PARAS 8 THROUGH 29 STATE
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(A) SOUTH AFRICA: GOL WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN ITS PAST MODERATE POSITION RE SOUTH AFRICA IN UNGA. SHOULD MOVE BE MADE TO EXCLUDE SAG FROM GA OR TO RAISE SUSPENSION ISSUE IN SC, GOL POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BY FONMIN NAFFA ON SPOT IN NY. (HADDAD SUGGESTS USUN MAY WISH CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GOL DEL IF THIS EVENTUALITY SHOULD ARISE.)

(B) PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: GOL VIEWS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA WITH SATISFACTION, AND GOL DEL HAS INSTRUCTIONS DO WHAT IT CAN TO GUARD AGAINST ANY UNGA ACTION THAT MIGHT COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR GOP.

(C) RHODESIA: GOL DEL CAN BE COUNTED ON TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM PROPOSALS FOR EXTREME ACTION AGAINST RHODESIA.

(D) NAMIBIA: GOL SUPPORTS PAST UN RESOLUTIONS ON THIS SUBJ, FAVORS ONLY PEACEFUL AND PRACTICAL MEASURES TO PERSUADE SAG ABIDE BY THEM, AND WILL DETERMINE ITS POSITION RE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA AT 29TH GA IN LIGHT OF THEIR ADHERENCE TO THESE CRITERIA.

(E) KHMER CREDENTIALS: GOL FULLY AWARE OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG AND GKR VIEW THIS ISSUE (BEIRUT 10919 AND PREVIOUS), BUT HAS NOT RPT NOT DETERMINED ITS POSITION AT GA. (HADDAD SUGGESTS USUN CONSULT CLOSELY WITH FONMIN NAFFA ON THIS SUBJ ALSO.)

(F) KOREA: GOL WOULD PREFER TO SEE NO CONTENTIOUS DEBATE OR RESOLUTIONS ON THIS ISSUE AT UNGA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LAST YEAR'S CONSENSUS STATEMENT. HADDAD AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS NO LONGER A LIKELY POSSIBILITY. EMBOFF, FOLLOWING UP AMB GODLEY'S SEP 3 DEMARCHE TO FONOFF (BEIRUT 10522), DREW HEAVILY ON CONTENTS STATE 196841 AND REFTEL IN URGING THAT GOL DEL SUPPORT FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION TABLED SEP 3. UNFORTUNATELY, HADDAD INDICATED THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE AND THAT GOL MUST ADHERE TO ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY OF ABSTAINING ON VOTES CONNECTED WITH KOREAN ISSUE.

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(G) HUMAN RIGHTS: GOL HAS INSTRUCTED ITS UNGA DEL TO BE GUIDED BY ARAG GROUP CONSENSUS IN VOTING ON HR ISSUES, BUT HADDAD INDICATED GOL DEL WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT RESOLUTION ASKING HRC TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS RE NATIONAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTION OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION.

(H) MIDDLE EAST: GOL ALSO ANXIOUS THAT GA DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS ON ME ISSUES (INCLUDING "PALESTINE" ITEM) SHOULD AVOID PLACING

FURTHER OBSTACLES IN PATH OF ONGOING PEACE EFFORT, BUT HADDAD EXPECTS MUCH UNHELPFUL RHETORIC WILL OCCUR IN ANY EVENT. HE URGES THAT USUN KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FONMIN NAFFA AND AMB GHORRA (WHO WILL "HEAD" ARAB GROUP AT 29TH UNGA) TO COUNSEL MODERATION AND, HOPEFULLY, PREVENT DEBATES FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND.

(I) UNRWA: GOL DEL WILL BE GUIDED BY RECENT ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL STATEMENT (BEIRUT 10868) IN ITS APPROACH TO THIS ITEM AT GA. RE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING WEALTHY ARAB STATES TO ASSIST SIGNIFICANTLY IN ALLEVIATING AGENCY'S DRASTIC FINANCIAL CRISIS, HADDAD REMARKED SADLY THAT GOL'S HANDS ARE "TIED".

(J) UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING: GOL FINDS US POSITION REASONABLE AND WILL BEAR OUR PRINCIPLES IN MIND AT GA.

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(K) DISARMAMENT: HADDAD NOTED THAT US OFFER OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL, GIVEN LATTER'S NON-ADHERENCE TO NPT, MAY DRAW ARAB CRITICISM AT UNGA REGARDLESS OF OUR EMPHASIS ON

STRICT SAFEGUARDS. GOL AGREES THAT IOPZ RES LIKELY BE TENDENTIOUS AND SHARES OUR CONCERN RE POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS ON HIGH SEAS FREEDOMS. RE IRANIAN MENFZ PROPOSAL, HADDAD NOTED THAT ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKING OUT COMMON ARAB POSITION ON THIS ISSUE TO ARAB GROUP IN NY. HE EXPECTS APKISTAN WILL PUT FORWARD SIMILAR PROPOSAL, AND COULD NOT SAY WHETHER GOL WILL AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR IRANIAN PROPOSAL OR NOT.

(L) STEAMROLLER TACTICS; GOL AGREES COMPLETELY WITH US VIEW, BUT HADDAD SEES LEBANON AS POSSESSING LITTLE LEVERAGE WITH WHICH TO HELP COUNTER THIS UNFORTUNATE TREND.

(M) PROGRAM OF ACTION: GOL APPRECIATES US RESERVATIONS AND WILL CONTINUE DO WHAT IT CAN WITHIN GROUP OF 77 TO ENCOURAGE
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MODERATION AMONG LDC'S.

(N) CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES: NOW THAT CHARTER HAS WON CONSENSUS APPROVAL IN WORKING GROUP, FONMIN FAFFA PLANS ANNOUNCE GOL'S SATISFACTION WITH IT IN PLENARY AND RECOMMEND ITS ADOPTION BY UNGA.

(O) UN SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MSA'S: GOL FINDS US POSITION RE SPECIAL FUND BOTH LOGICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT FEARS LOPSIDED GA SUPPORT FOR FUND AS PRESENTLY ORIENTED WILL NEGATE OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE IT BETTER FOCUS. SAME GOES, IN GOL VIEW, FOR LIKELIHOOD THAT MAJOR OIL EXPORTERS CAN BE INDUCED PARTICIPATE SIGNIFICANTLY IN SYG'S EMERGENCY OPERATION.

(P) MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS: GOL HAS ITS OWN REASONS FOR WISHHING TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS IN LEBANON, BUT NEVERTHELESS FEELS OBLIGED KEEP IN STEP WITH GROUP OF 77 IN DECIDING GOL POSITION ON REPORTS CITED REFTEL.

(Q) WORLD CONFERENCE ON FOOD AND POPULATION: GOL PLANS SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM ROME CONFERENCE AND HOPES THEY WILL MEET WITH US APPROVAL. IT ALSO WILL STRONGLY ENDORSE ACTION PLAN WORKED OUT AT BUCHAREST POPULATION CONFERENCE AT GA.

(R) UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE; GOL HAS AT YET FORMUATED NO POSITION ON THIS ITEM FOR GA, BUT WILL BEAR US VIEWS IN MIND WHEN DOING SO.

(S) UN BUDGET: GOL UNDERSTANDS US CONCERN RE UN BUDGET DEFICIT AND WILL TAKE US EVALUATION INITIATIVE AND OUR VIEWS RE SALARY INCREASES INTO SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION DURING UNGA.

(T) NATURAL RESOURCES: GOL HAS NOT DETERMINED ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS US, FRENCH AND SAUDI DRAFT RESES. FINAL DECISION (BY GOL

AND ARABS AS WHOLE) WILL BE TAKEN AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN NY.

2. HADDAD WILL PROBABLY JOIN GOL DEL IN NY SOMETIME IN OCT.
USUN OFFICERS WILL FIND HIM SENSIBLE, HELPFUL PERSON TO WORK
WITH. GODLEY

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